

REMARKS

Claim 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-21 were pending. Claim 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-18 have been rejected. Claims 1, 6, and 11 have been amended and claims 19-21 have been cancelled by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 13-18 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 6 and 11 in this application. Applicant is not conceding in this application that the original or previous claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowed subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the original and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, and 11 herein to include the subject matter of claims 19, 20, and 21, respectively.

Applicant has also amended claims 1, 6, and 11 to remove the feature of "the list of qualified package collections specifying a desired search precedence order of the selected package collections in which to search."

Applicant believes that claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-18 are allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,321,235, Bird et al. ("Bird") in view of Turner et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0060913). Applicant does not believe that Bird in view of Turner discloses or suggests the inventions recited in the claims. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, and 11 to recite the subject matter of claims 19, 20, and 21, respectively. Applicant has also removed the feature of "the list of qualified package collections specifying a desired search precedence order of the selected package collections in which to search." The Examiner indicated that claims 19-21 would be allowable, and therefore the features of claims 19-21 are believed to make amended claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-18 allowable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the originally-claimed subject matter in a continuation or other related application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 13-18 are patentable over Bird and Turner, and respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

Applicants' attorney believes this application is in condition for allowance.
Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at
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